

Timeline of European Union History 1948–1972*



- 1948** Treaty of Brussels establishing the Western Union
Formation of the International Authority for the Ruhr
- 1949** Treaty of London establishing the Council of Europe
- 1950** Schuman Declaration proposes pooling French and German markets for coal and steel
- 1951** Treaty of Paris creates the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)
- 1954** Paris Agreements; Western Union transformed into Western European Union
- 1957** Treaty of Rome creates European Economic Community (by "The Six": Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and West Germany)

- 1963** Ankara Agreement initiated a three-step process toward creating a Customs Union which would help secure Turkey's full membership in the EEC
- 1963** Charles de Gaulle vetoes UK entry
- 1967** ECSC, EEC and Euratom merge and are together known as the European Communities (EC)
- 1848–1962** Algeria was an integral part of the French Republic

*All countries except for Germany are show with their borders as of 2023.

